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TAGS: PFOR, OVIP (CROWN PRINCE FAHD BIN ABD AL-AZIZ), SA
SUBJECT: CROWN PRINCE VISIT TO U.S. AND KING'S HEALTH

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S MARCH 13 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD, PRINCE SAUD SAID THAT KING'S HEALTH WAS CAUSING PROBLEM VIS-A-VIS APRIL 12 DATE FOR CROWN PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID ROYAL FAMILY HAD EXPECTED OPERATIONS ON KING KHALID TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETED TWO WEEKS AGO AND THAT KING WOULD HAVE BEEN BACK IN SAUDI ARABIA BY END OF MONTH. THIS DOES NOT APPEAR POSSIBLE NOW AND FAHD AS REGENT CANNOT LEAVE COUNTRY UNTIL KING RETURNS.

2. SAUD SAID IT APPEARS NECESSARY TO DELAY VISIT. AMBASSADOR TOLD FORMIN USG AWARE AND CONCERNED ABOUT KING'S HEALTH AND THAT WE WISHED TO BE AS ACCOMMODATING AS POSSIBLE TO PRINCE FAHD'S DESIRES. SAUD SUGGESTED THE VISIT BE RESCHEDULED DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS OF MAY (WITH PREFERENCE FOR FIRST WEEK). HE ASKED USG TO PROPOSE EXACT DATE. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD PASS MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON AND WOULD BE BACK TO FONMIN ONCE WASHINGTON CONFIRMED THAT SPECIFIC DATE IN THIS PERIOD ACCEPTABLE.

3. AMBASSADOR ASKED FONMIN TO DESIGNATE PERSON IN FOREIGN
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MINISTRY WITH WHOM HE COULD WORK ON AGENDA AND SCHEDULE.
FONMIN NAMED ABDUL RAHMAN MANSOURI, DEPUTY MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

4. AMBASSADOR ASKED INFORMALLY IF PRINCE FAHD MIGHT WISH FEW DAYS FOR REST DURING HIS STAY IN THE US. PRINCE SAUD SAID HE DID NOT THINK CROWN PRINCE WOULD WANT ANY TIME FOR REST AS PURPOSE

OF TRIP WAS TO WORK AND SPEND MAXIMUM TIME POSSIBLE GETTING TO
KNOW THE PRESIDENT PARTICULARLY, AND OTHERS IN THE NEW
ADMINISTRATION.
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